

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: PROTECTED 5,7-DIHYDROXY-4,4-DIMETHYL-3-OXOHEPTANOIC ACID ESTERS AND 5,7-DIHYDROXY-2-ALKYL-4,4-DIMETHYL-3-OXOHEPTANOIC ACID ESTERS FOR SYNTHESIZING EPOTHILONES AND DERIVATIVES DERIVATIVES AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THESE ESTERS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 20 November 2008, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.